## **Massachusetts Association of Independent Living Center**



Ad-Lib, Inc. Pittsfield

Boston Center for Independent Living Boston

Cape Organization for the Rights of the Disabled Hyannis

Center for Living and Working, Inc. Worcester

> Independence Associates, Inc. Brockton

Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann Inc. Salem

MetroWest Center for Independent Living Framingham

Multi-Cultural Independent Living Center of Boston

Northeast Independent Living Program Lawrence

Southeast Center for Independent Living Fall River

> STAVROS Amherst

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## FY 2015 Budget Priorities

1. Increase for IL Centers statewide of \$750,000 to the IL Line item: 4120-0200

 For more than 18,000 people last year, the state's eleven ILCs were the last stop to find or keep housing, to get jobs, to stay in school, to live in the community.

 MA ILC's need additional staff to enable us to provide newer services such as Money Follows the Person and Housing Search.

 Annually, ILCs assist about 200 people to move out of nursing homes and many more to stay out of institutions, saving MA as much as \$6,608,866 in Medicaid funds.

 ILCs employ 190 people with disabilities, investing in the productivity and economy of MA.

2. Add directive into the MRC Budget Line Item 4120-4000 for the Durable Medical Equipment ReUse Program for approximately \$500,000

3. Add resources for accessible housing by increasing DHCD Line Item 7004-9030, Alternative Housing Voucher Program, by \$1.550.000

Funding for Independent Living Center priorities benefits *all* citizens of the Commonwealth!

Please share this message with your legislators. For more information contact Paul Spooner at 508-875-7853.

I agree and ask you to support these IL priorities for FY 2015. Name:

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